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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

Kim C. Stevenson
Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: M.U.R. 5541

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

I am writing in response to the Federal Election Commission's ("the Commission") letter, dated October 1, 2004, notifying the U.S. Chamber of Commerce ("the Chamber") of a complaint filed pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. I am enclosing a Designation of Counsel form signed by Mr. Stephen A. Bokar, the Chamber's Senior Vice-President and General Counsel.

The complaint accompanying the Commission's notice, which the Chamber received on October 4, lists many allegations against several respondents, including the Chamber, the November Fund, and the Bush-Cheney '04 presidential campaign. It will require a substantial amount of time to interview the knowledgeable witnesses, as well as accumulate and analyze facts in this matter. Therefore, the Chamber respectfully requests a time extension to answer the allegations outlined in the complaint. Specifically, we ask that the Commission grant an additional 30 days to enable the Chamber to respond appropriately. This request would require a response on or before November 18, 2004.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 756-8003.

Sincerely,



Bobby R. Burchfield

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

Please use one form for each respondent.

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel
and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Stephen A. Bokor

Print Name

10/12/2004

Date

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Senior VP & General

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Counsel

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